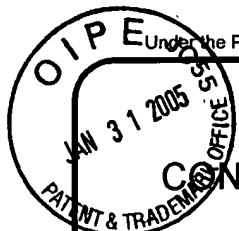


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Filing Date	October 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	Masao HASHIMOTO
Art Unit	2672
Examiner Name	LUU, Matthew
Attorney Docket Number	RCOH-1040

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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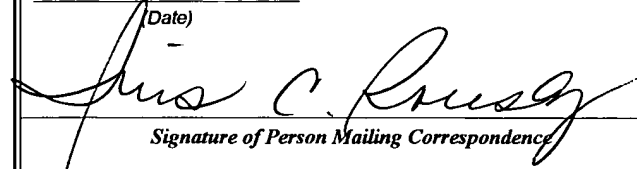
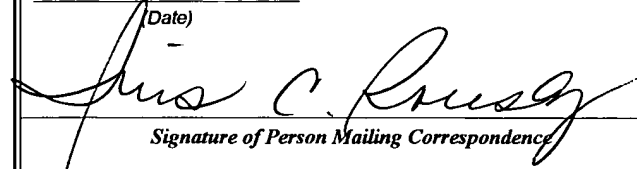
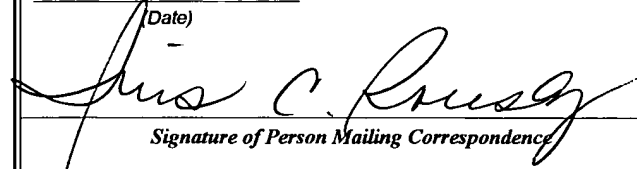
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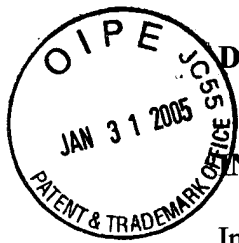
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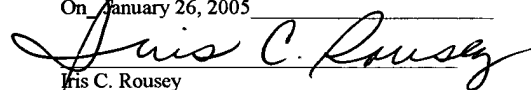
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Please enter the following changes in the above-referenced application during continued examination under RCE:

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Remarks/Conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.